

The initial release of the open-source Squid proxy server software was July, 1996.

From Wikipedia:

"Squid is a caching and forwarding HTTP web proxy. It has a wide variety of uses, from speeding up a web server by caching repeated requests; to caching web, DNS and other computer network lookups for a group of people sharing network resources, to aiding security by filtering traffic. Although primarily used for HTTP and FTP, Squid includes limited support for several other protocols including TLS, SSL, Internet Gopher and HTTPS."

(https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Squid_%28software%29).

The current version of Squid is described as being able to do this, which is right in line with the 335 patent:

"Squid has some features that can help anonymize connections, such as disabling or changing specific header fields in a client's HTTP requests. Whether these are set, and what they are set to do, is up to the person who controls the computer running Squid."

An audit could be done of the pre-1998 Squid source to see exactly which features were in at which dates. It seems possible or likely that you'll find a feature that enabled one of those early versions of Squid to do what the 335 patent describes.

An overview outline of the pre-1998 Squid release dates is:

squid-1.0.beta1 (Apr 19, 1996)
squid-1.0 (July 1, 1996)
squid-1.0.9 (August 22, 1996)
squid-1.1.2 (December 18, 1996):
squid-1.NOVM.19 (December 18, 1997)

You can download all the pre-1998 Squid source code versions here:

<http://www.squid-cache.org/Versions/v1/1.0/>
<http://www.squid-cache.org/Versions/v1/1.1/>
<http://www.squid-cache.org/Versions/v1/1.NOVM/>